

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SIERRA et al

Application No.: New Application

Filed: December 6, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 977777-11548A

For: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING TRANSFORMING GROWTH
FACTOR ALPHA (TGF α). IT USE IN MALIGNANT DISEASES THERAPY.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 6, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

14. Immunization method with a vaccine composition according to claim 1, able to achieve specific antibodies against hTGF α .

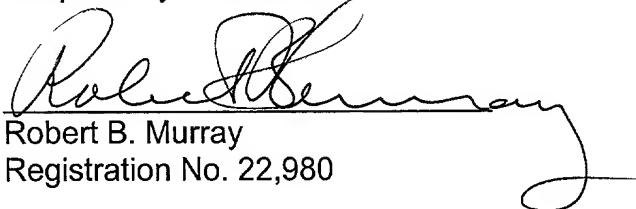
18. Method of treatment of malignant diseases, such as epidermoide breast carcinomas, prostate, gastric, ovary epithelial cancer that express TGF α and other ligands of EGF-R, such as EGF, with a vaccine composition according to claim 1.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims has been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to put the application in better condition for examination.

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MARKED UP CLAIMS

14. Immunization method with a vaccine composition according to claim 1 [to 13], able to achieve specific antibodies against hTGF α .

18. Method of treatment of malignant diseases, such as epidermoide breast carcinomas, prostate, gastric, ovary epithelial cancer that express TGF α and other ligands of EGF-R, such as EGF, with a vaccine composition according to claim[s] 1 [to 13].